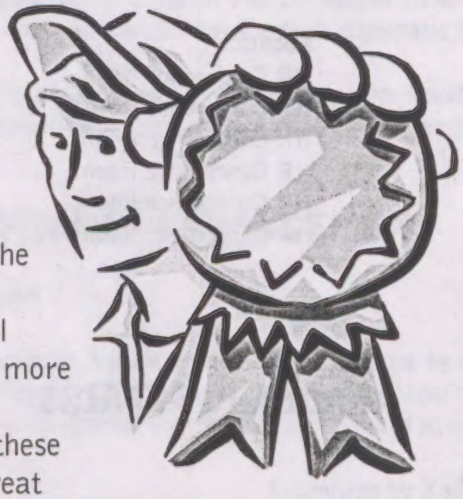
The Field Museum

# Natural News

Weekly Staff Newsletter
July 28, 2000

## Kudos to Corner Bakery staff!



I'd like to offer my heartfelt thanks to the staff of the Corner Bakery for finding my handbag and putting it in the manager's office for safekeeping.

Along with money, credit cards, ID, keys, and checkbook, the bag contained something irreplaceable: a sterling silver pill case that my best friend gave me more than 15 years ago.

It is wonderful to have all of these items back again, and this is a great example of the quality of the Corner Bakery staff.

Thank you all!

Submitted by Robin Groesbeck

## From the " Visitors Overheard" department:

### Family on the way out of the Museum

Small boy lags behind, bawling, wiping his eyes with his fists. Grandmother asks: "What's the matter?" Small boy says, "I didn't get to see Sue!" Grandmother replies, "What do you mean you didn't get to see Sue! The big dinosaur—that was Sue!"

### Couple in the lobby of the ground floor washrooms

Wife: "Did you have the blue sky in the ceiling in yours?"
Husband: "Uh-huh."
Wife: "I want one just like that in our bathroom. Yeah."

Thanks to Andy Pavasars

### FIELD NOTES
*Week of July 28*

**Staff/Volunteer Events**

Tae Bo Class
- Monday, 5 p.m., Ground Floor

Aerobics Class
- Tuesday, 5 p.m. , Ground Floor
- Thursday, 5 p.m. , Classroom A

Green Sheet Meeting
- Wednesday, 3 p.m., Special Events

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At The Field Museum

**Public/Campus Events**

Star Wars: The Magic of Myth
- Exhibit continues

Field Nights
- Thursday, 5:30 to 9 p.m.

# HUMAN RESOURCES

**Attention all interns!**

Summer internships are starting to wrap up and we need to get some final information from you before you leave. Starting August 4, and each Friday thereafter, we will be having group exit interviews for all interns in the Human Resource Department Conference Room.

If your last day is on a Friday, you are required to attend the exit interview session scheduled on that day. If your last day is another day during the week, you must contact Kate Pettenati in Human Resources at ext. 7271, to schedule an alternate time.

It is essential that you do this so that all the proper paperwork can be completed to end your employment at the Museum including final paycheck information and an evaluation of your internship experience. Paperwork that needs to be completed and brought to the exit interview will be interofficed the week of your scheduled session. Remember ID badges and keys must be turned in on your last day.

If you have any questions, please contact Kate (ext. 7271).

| Date | Location | Time |
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| Friday, August 4 | HR Conference Room | 3 p.m. |
| Friday, August 11 | HR Conference Room | 3 p.m. |
| Friday, August 18 | HR Conference Room | 3 p.m. |
| Friday, August 25 | HR Conference Room | 3 p.m. |
| Friday, September 1 | HR Conference Room | 3 p.m. |
| Friday, September 8 | HR Conference Room | 3 p.m. |

Submitted by Kate Pettenati

# ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

**From the '@ Cafe' in Bogota**

Jonathan Haas (Anthropology) recently delivered the opening address titled "Sobre la Inevitabilidad de la Guerra" (On the Inevitability of War) to the IX Congress of Anthropology in Popayan, Colombia. He also tried to visit archaeological sites in the surrounding Cauca Valley, but unfortunately was advised that he would be at too great a risk for kidnapping. Maybe next time.

**Feinman edits book on cultural evolution**

Gary Feinman (Anthropology) and Linda Manzanilla (Instituto de Investigaciones Antropológicas, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México) are the co-editors of *Cultural Evolution: Contemporary Viewpoints*, which was recently published by Kluwer Academic/Plenum Publishers (2000). The volume is composed of a series of essays that explore political and economic issues from a range of current theoretical perspectives, covering such topics as economic specialization, political change, and technological development over time.

The contributions comprise several archaeological case studies as well as a series of more theoretical pieces. The renowned participants represent various major academic institutions, including the Smithsonian, the American Museum of Natural History, the University of Michigan, and the University of Rome.

### Dredging the South

Supported by a Comer Science and Education Foundation grant, **Rüdiger Bieler** (Zoology), **Jochen Gerber** (Collection Manager, Invertebrates), and graduate student **Isabella Kappner** recently returned from a two-week collecting trip to the Florida Keys.

Joined by Research Associate (and AMNH curator) **Paula Mikkelsen**, AMNH collection manager and students, as well as Research Associate **Tim Collins** and postdoc **Tim Rawlings** (Florida International University), they worked out of Mote Marine Laboratory's new Center for Tropical Research on Summerland Key and were the first to charter Mote's new oceanographic research vessel, the R/V Eugenie Clark.

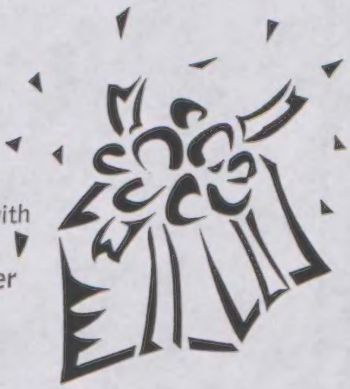
Three transects of collecting stations, from near-shore to 300 feet, were dredged within the borders of the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary as part of Rüdiger and Paula's joint Florida Keys Molluscan Biodiversity project. A scuba team, including Rüdiger and Isabella, stayed for a few additional days to collect by diving in the offshore reef, in part to provide material on the bivalve family Veneridae—target group of the new National Science Foundation PEET award.

Next year's plan includes extending the transects into the deeper waters of the Florida Straits by using larger oceangoing vessels in an effort to provide the first systematic baseline data of molluscan diversity for this region.

But first, extensive material from 66 stations needs to be sorted—explaining the faint "beach" smell emanating from the Division of Invertebrates where bags of sediment samples are still drying.

## INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT

### Thinking about Christmas in July!



We're getting ready for the holidays a little early this year. Please be advised the museum will close at 3pm on Wednesday, December 6th for the 2000 Women's Board Children's Holiday Celebration. Please call the Women's Board at ext. 7135 with any questions or concerns.

Submitted by **Kalli Hilbrenner**

## WE GET LETTERS!

Dear John [McCarter]:

I wanted to share with you some exciting news! I just came home from a three-week trip in Maui, and other islands ... do you know that SUE is advertised like CRAZY down there!

It was so weird to see every other commercial promoting SUE and a free trip to Chicago to meet her. Posters everywhere! It was almost maddening.

I thought of you and the wonderful job you have done showing her off and educating all of us.

Jennifer McCue

# AUGUST SOLDIER FIELD PARKING UPDATES

- **CHICAGO FIRE SOCCER GAMES-** By visiting http://intranet1:100/parking you will find the posted soccer game dates.
- **MCCORMICK PLACE EVENTS**- There are no significant staff and visitor parking concerns for the following conferences that will take place in August:
  - Chicago Gift Show- July 29- August 2 Expected Attendance 20,000
  - Letter Carriers Convention July 31- August 4 Expected Attendance 10,000
  - International Call Center Management August 1-3 Expected Attendance 6,000
  - National Hardware Show- August 12-16 Expected Attendance 70,000
  - Carpenters & Joiners Convention- August 22-26 Expected Attendance 5,000
- **GRANT PARK EVENTS – Expect street closures and traffic congestions** for the following events that will take place in August:
  - Air & Water Show- August 19-20
  - Viva! Chicago- August 26-27-
  - Chicago Jazz Festival- August 31- September 3
- **FIELD MUSEUM EVENTS-** By visiting http://intranet1:100/fmevents, you will find the posted events being held at the Field Museum. Parking information for some of these events is posted in the Soldier Field Parking Calendar.
- **SOLDIER FIELD PARKING CALENDAR**- The calendar at http://intranet1:100/parking gives you important information about parking changes during events in or near the Museum Campus area.
  - Ride & Drive- August 7
  - Concert- August 19-20 Expected Attendance 110,000
- **Navy Pier**- There are no significant staff and visitor parking concerns for the following conferences that will take place in August:
  - Nurse Anesthetists National Convention- August 5-8 Expected Attendance 3,000
  - Society of Hypertension Convention- August 21-24 Expected Attendance 7,000
  - Tall Ships- August 31-September 6

If you have any questions regarding parking, please call the Public Services Office at extension 7911.